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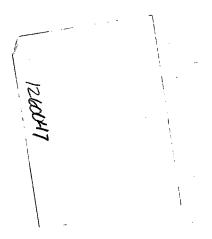
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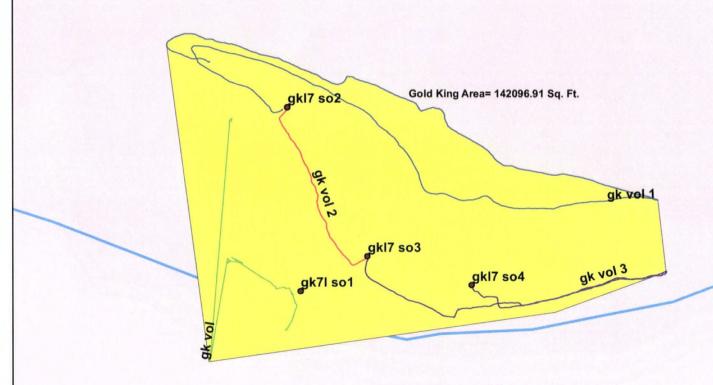
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Upper Animas Mining District San Juan County, Silverton, Colorado Figure 2: Site Details Map

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